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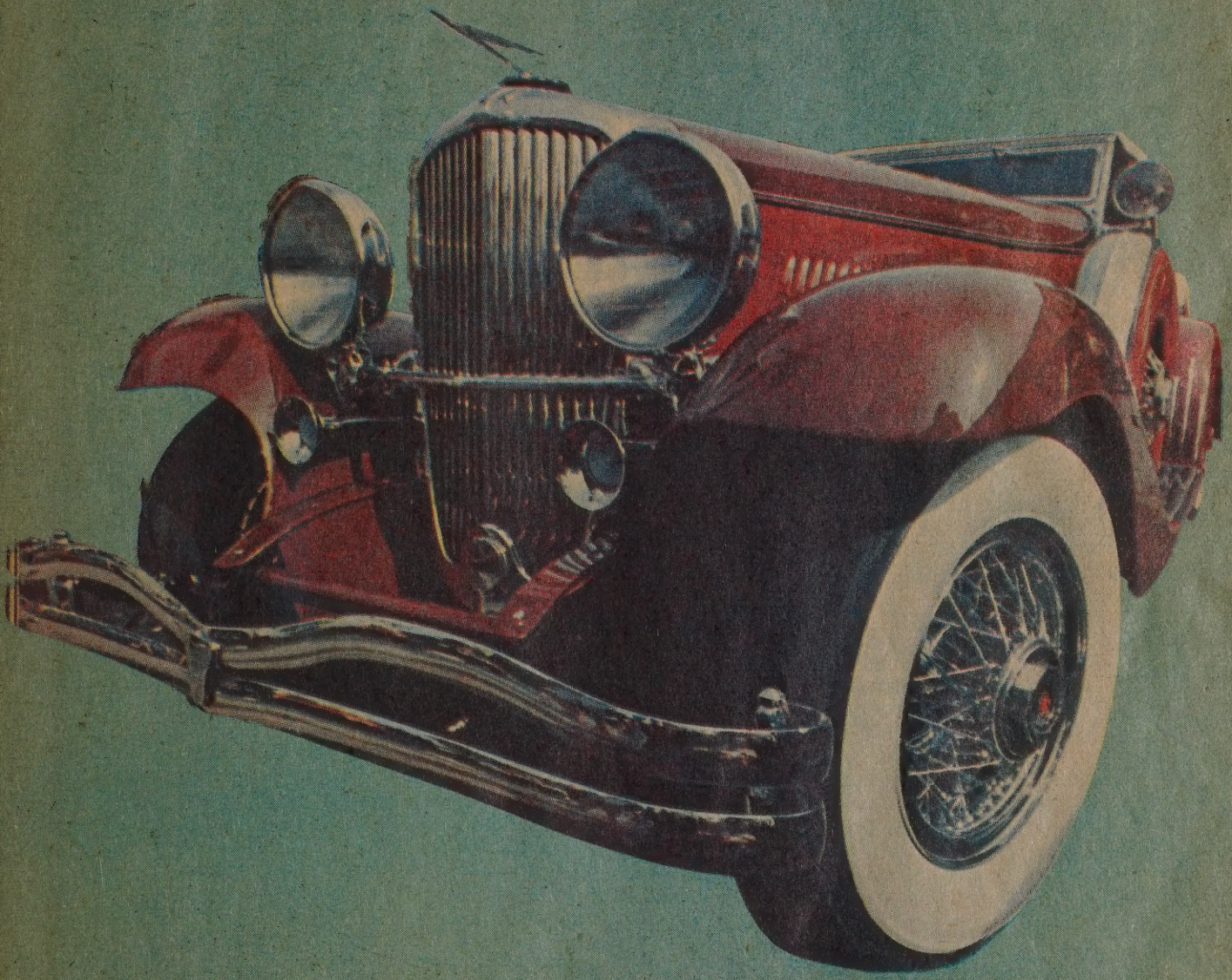

Auburn plans a home for the classics

Introduction

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The significance of the proposed classic car museum—judged 1973's top story—is in some dispute. Many civic leaders, but not all, view the museum as a future basic industry with unique cultural overtones. Others pay lip service to the ambitious project, but have so far reserved an all-out commitment. And some residents have let it be known that they view the efforts to articulate Auburn's cultural heritage through the creation of the auto museum as a harmless, but insignificant, exercise by Auburn's fancier citizens. If the first group succeeds in enlisting the support of the second group they can probably prove the third group wrong.

"Nothing," writes Shakespeare, "is either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." And so it is that twenty, fifty or a hundred years from now the efforts of the incorporators of Auburn Automotive Heritage, Inc. will be judged by new individuals with different concepts of reality.

The apathy of Auburn's third group is an eloquent enough argument against the project. The lack of enthusiasm of the uncommitted advances their points more convincingly than words. The point of view of the second group needs no elaboration, for insincere lip service borders on rank hypocrisy. However, the position of those who carry a vision in their minds of what the museum should be, and what it can do for Auburn and its residents, should be made clear.

The museum proponents begin their argument by noting that the proposed home for the classic cars is itself a classic building. They cite the opinion of Prof. David R. Hermansen, a professor of architecture at Ball State University and one of the Midwest's leading architectural historians and restorationists.

"The geometric pattern (on the surfaces of the beams in the showroom) is indicative of the Art Deco style that became increasingly popular in the late 1920's and prevailed until World War II...The decorative plaster work is in remarkably excellent condition and would require only a modest amount of patching and painting to restore to its original luster."

Art Deco, Hermansen continued, "was one of the most important phases in the development of modern architecture," and was developed by such leading architects as Frank Lloyd Wright and Le Corbusier.

"It is most remarkable that the Art Deco elements have remained unscathed for over 40 years. This is most unique when one considers the great emphasis the recent generations have placed upon the concept of remodeling and updating of commercial facilities," Hermansen said.

In addition to the ornate plaster work, Hermansen singled out the terazzo floor "which is in excellent condition;" the "handsome grand stairway;" and the chandelier light fixtures as "excellent expressions of the Art Deco style."

The professor said the restoration of one of the finest examples of Art Deco style architecture in the nation is "a most commendable venture."

Mike Wagner, a Mr. Auburn type who this month was named executive director of Auburn Automotive Heritage, Inc. and with whose efforts the museum is intimately bound, cites the support the project has received outside of the city. He quotes a Fort Wayne News-Sentinel editorial last fall which said, in part: "Perhaps more than any other place in the United States, Auburn continues to be associated in the public mind with the building of cars of distinct design and quality in the age when cars seemed to reach a zenith in respect to craftsmanship."

A national automotive publication has published a similar editorial and several individuals outside of the Auburn community have contributed money toward the museum, he said.

Wagner continues, "When one considers the extremes that other communities have gone to create permanent attractions, an automotive museum for Auburn seems so logical and appropriate. It would be a lasting tribute to the craftsmanship and progressiveness of the Auburn people."

Wagner also cites economic benefits for Auburn: "If even our minimum attendance projections hold true, the museum will bring up to $1,000,000 per year into the community."

As of this date the proponents of the museum have sufficient funds to open the doors of the museum this summer. But they are going to have to hold a substantial fund drive to develop the facility fully.

Before such a fund drive can be a success, however, the three groups of opinion about the museum in Auburn must merge into one view about the worth of this project and the course its development should take. Then Auburn residents, I am sure, will come forth with the needed funds and the needed leadership. They will experience the added thrill of coming together in a significant civic endeavor to perpetuate Auburn's cultural identity.

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a look at

1973's top stories

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For nearly 20 years, the city of Auburn has thrown open its doors every Labor Day Weekend to thousands of visitors from all over the world.

The purpose of their annual return to Auburn is simple; to pay homage to three of the finest American cars ever produced, the Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg, and to pay that homage in the original home town of the classic automobiles.

In 1973 the city, through a concerted community effort, took the first steps toward providing a permanent showplace for the three classics. Early in the year a group formed with the intent of establishing an automobile museum in Auburn, and by the end of the year, what they had accomplished was remarkable.

Because of their success, the efforts of Auburn's citizens to establish a permanent home for the Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg classics has been selected the most significant news story of 1973 by the staff of the Evening Star.

World and national events throughout 1973 showed man sometimes at his best and sometimes at his worst, and DeKalb County was no exception, as is reflected in the five news stories selected at the most significant of the year just past.

Chosen as the second most significant story was the out-of-court settlement of a lawsuit brought three years ago by an Indianapolis architectural firm against the DeKalb Central School board, and the board's decision to build a new junior high school.

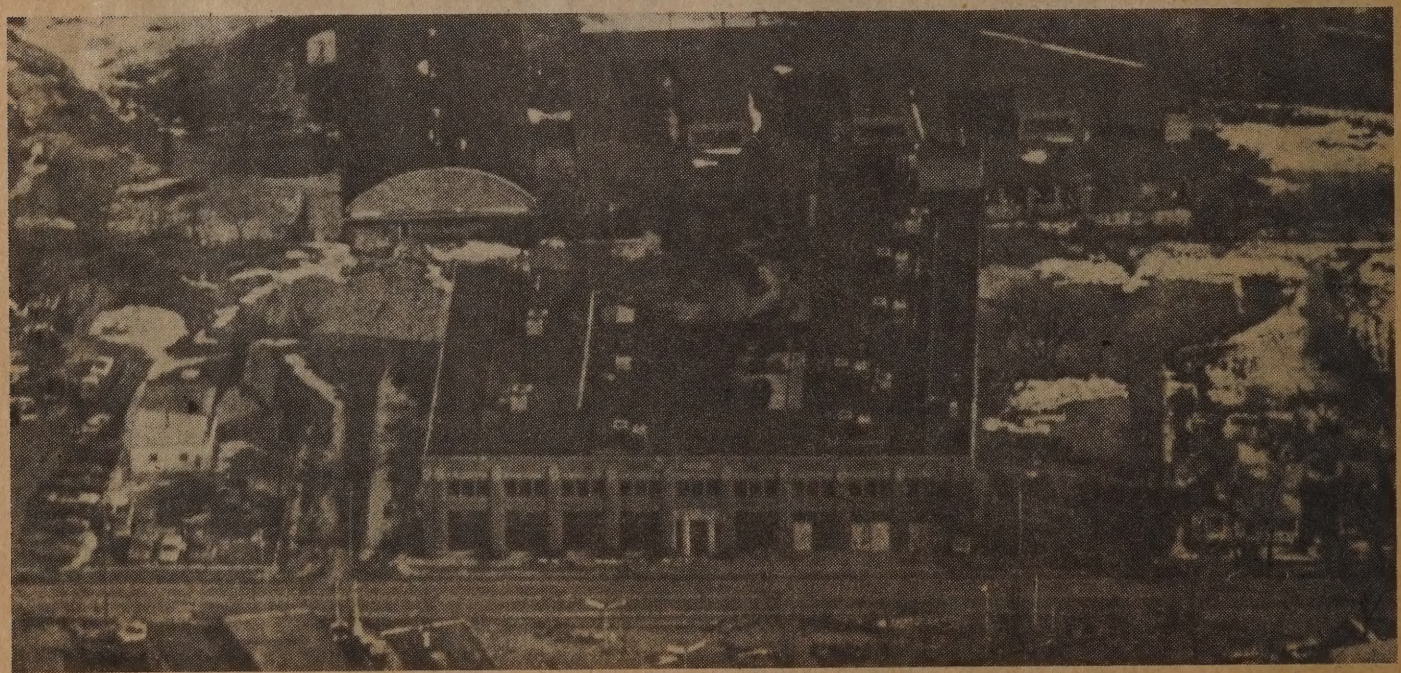
Human tragedy provided the next two most significant news events with the shocking kidnaping and death of a young St. Joe mother in October, and the shooting of Auburn Policeman Ed McDonald and his suspected assailant in November.

Rounding out the top five most significant news stories is an ongoing phenomenon over which man has no control; the weather.

It provided DeKalb County farmers with one of their finest growing seasons in memory, but during the same year wreaked havoc with snow, rain and tornadoes.

MUSEUM

An automobile museum for Auburn, which bills itself as



the classic car capital of the world, has been the dream of many local citizens since the first spontaneous Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival in 1955. Though the festival grew in size and stature over the years, the auto museum remained a dream.

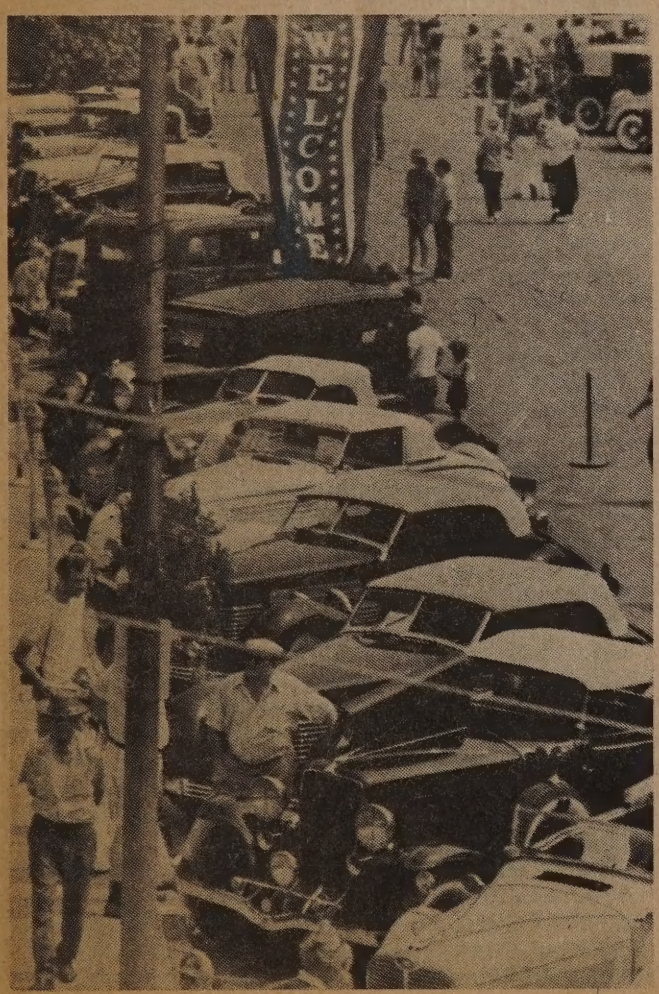
But in 1971, an antique and classic car auction was added to the festival weekend schedule of events, and the festival began making a profit.

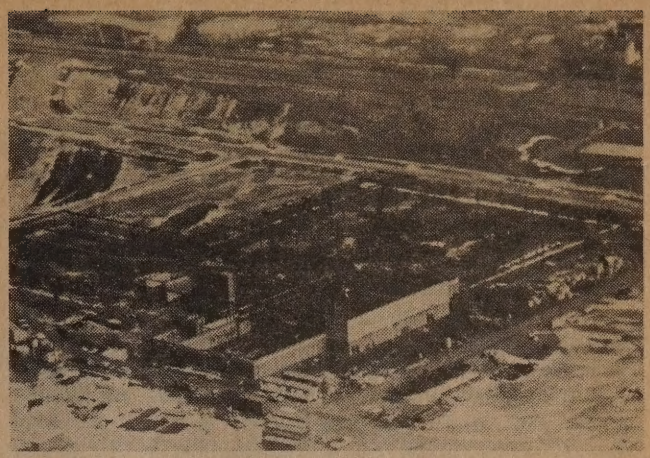
In March of 1973, the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg committee separated from the chamber of commerce and became a separate entity with the name Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival, Inc. It is charged with the responsibility of organizing and running the annual festival.

At the same time, another group called Auburn Automotive Heritage Inc. was formed, and charged with the responsibility of seeking ways to establish a museum in Auburn. Dr. E.E. Rogers was elected the group's president and Mrs. Joyce McIntyre vice-president.

From the start, the group considered only two approaches; building an entirely new facility, probably near I-69 somewhere, or buying and restoring the old Auburn-Automobile Company administration building on South Wayne Street.

It became rapidly apparent that community sentiment was solidly behind the second possibility, and the group





began investigating ways to obtain the old building. But disaster nearly ruined their plans.

In May, on the day the group was to submit a proposal to buy the building, it caught fire. But when the smoke had cleared it was apparent the Auburn Fire Department had done a brilliant job in containing the fire to the old wooden part of the building in which it started. The building itself was largely undamaged.

Another financially successful A-C-D festival in September bolstered the group, and in late September, a drive to raise $250,000 to purchase and restore the building, and operate it as a museum for six months was started.

By the end of the year, more than $100,000 had been raised, more money was pouring in, and the group had exercised its option to buy the building.

With the foundation solidly laid, Auburn Automotive Heritage, Inc., is looking forward to opening the showroom portion of the building as a museum in some form by June 1. Future possibilities for the huge old structure include a gift shop, restoration shop, restaurant, and perhaps an art gallery, community room and small theater.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Late in March, the DeKalb Central School Board voted unanimously to settle out of court a $181,000 lawsuit brought against them by E.I. Brown, Inc., an architectural firm from Indianapolis.

Three years earlier, the board had hired the architects to design a new junior high school, but suspended the project in a spate of controversy over whether or not the building was necessary.

The architects submitted a bill for $181,000, but the board felt the figure was too high and refused to pay. The architects then went to court to collect.

The settlement came about in March after School Board Attorney Phillip Butler and Attorney Charles Winans, hired to defend the board in the suit, both told the board the architects had a good case and would probably collect a substantial amount of money, if not the whole $181,000.

Explaining they were "in the business of building schools, not suing people," the Brown company then offered to pick up the plans where they had left off if the board would pay the bill by May 1.

The board had two options, their attorneys said. Continue to refuse to pay the bill and take their chances in court, or pay the bill and go forward with plans for a new junior high school.

The board chose the second option, and from there things moved rapidly. On April 12, the board gave the plans for the junior high their final approval, and a week later, the state gave the plans final approval as well.

The last possible snag to building a new junior high was how high the bids would be, but when they were opened in May, the board discovered to their delight that the bids were "extremely good," in the words of architect Kenneth Brown.

Bonds were sold by the holding company in June, and in July ground was broken for the new building. By the end of the year, work was progressing rapidly, and school officials were hoping to open the building in January of 1975.

Meanwhile, in December, the board approved plans to remodel McIntosh building for an elementary school, and tear down the 1893 portion of the Ashley building, once the new junior high is open.

KIDNAP

A small girl crying in a St. Joe laundromat for her mother late one Friday night in October was the first sign authorities had that Mrs. Brenda Mathes was missing.

They immediately suspected foul play, and instituted a massive all-night search for the petite young mother. The next day their worst fears were realized when Mrs. Mathes' body was found in the St. Joe River near Spencerville.

County Coroner Dr. John Harvey reported later the woman had died of drowning.

A little more than 48 hours after the body was discovered, police arrested Kenneth R. Pierce, 20, Waterloo, in connection with the kidnaping and death. Police said Pierce had been arrested earlier in the year in a similar incident when he allegedly threatened to kidnap a young woman from an Auburn laundromat, but the woman talked him out of it. Police also said Pierce gave them a statement in which he reportedly said he held Mrs. Mathes' head under water for 15 seconds "to calm her."

Pierce was held under $50,000 bond and charged with kidnaping. He pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, however, and the court appointed three psychiatrists to examine him.

OFFICER SHOT

Responding to a routine report of a prowler early on the morning of November 15, Officer Ed McDonald, 35, was shot and seriously wounded when he spotted and tried to stop a man suspected of rifling cars parked behind an apartment complex.

Several hours later, a man answering the description of the man who shot McDonald was seen running through an alley near Michigan Street. City, County and State police rushed to the scene, and once there exchanged gunfire with a man later identified as Steven Gillespie, 25.

Gillespie reportedly hopped onto the bed of a pick up truck and ordered the driver at gunpoint to flee the scene. But Asst. Auburn Chief Erv Bartels drew a bead on Gillespie and shot him in the right shoulder, and the chase was ended.

Gillespie was charged with aggravated assault and battery in the case. Later in November, he was transferred from DeKalb Memorial Hospital to the infirmary at the state prison in Michigan City.

McDonald lost a kidney and part of his stomach, but recovered rapidly from his wounds, and by the end of the year was back on the force though not working full time.

WEATHER

In some ways, DeKalb County Weather in 1973 was the best in years. A dry spring gave farmers ample time to prepare and plant their fields, then a warm summer with just enough rainfall gave them one of the best growing seasons in recent memory. Bumper crops were recorded throughout the county at harvest time.

There were three separate extended heat waves last summer, the last of which lasted nearly two weeks and sent temperatures soaring into the 90's through Labor Day Weekend and the annual A-C-D Festival.

But the weather created a few problems, and most of them came in the form of snow. On Valentine's Day and the day after, the area was hit by an eight-inch snowfall that closed schools and slowed business.

Later in February, a weekend sleet storm caused a rash of accidents all over the county. In March, on St. Patrick's Day, heavy snow and high winds virtually shut down the county for a weekend. A total of eight inches of snow fell, and at one time, I-69 was the only road in the county that was passable.

In mid-April temperatures dipped to the low 20's two nights in a row, and the late freeze did some minor damage to fruit trees in the county.

High winds also took their toll locally during the year. On May 26, a tornado touched down near Ashley in the northern part of the county and ripped the roof off a house. Total damage was $15,000.

On June 5, another twister touched down west of Auburn, skipped over the city, and touched down again east of town. To the west, it flipped a mobile home, injuring Ford Hurni, its elderly owner, and destroyed an airplane.

East of town, the tornado leveled a barn, destroying both the building and its contents.

Finally, Mother Nature bid 1973 farewell with a record December snowfall. Snow started coming down Dec. 19, and didn't stop until Dec. 21. In all, 18 inches fell, forcing schools to close two days early for Christmas vacation, and otherwise virtually shutting down the county.

a look at

Auburn

By JANE KEMPF
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Although spiraling costs gave citizens and administration collective headaches during 1973 in Auburn, the year had its victories. Mayor John Foley's administration won a raging legal battle with Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. over an increase in wholesale rates; street builders, unable to fulfill contracts during the fall of 1972, held prices firm on jobs to be completed in '73, and Auburn's council turned its attention to low water pressure problems in the city's east end.

The building boom, which began in 1972, continued its momentum, and everybody who was anybody seemed to be moving into a thriving city.

I & M presented a check for $145,664.53 to city officials after losing a court battle Auburn waged against them for increasing rates in violation of the city's contract. The move represented a major victory for Foley, who spent considerable time and effort in protecting the utility department's interest in the case. The money has been reinvested in securities by the utility department to be used for improvements.

But the existing contract with I & M ran out, and rates to citizens increased Nov. 1 as permitted by the Public Service Commission. The city passes on fuel cost increases to users.

The highest power-use peak in history was recorded in Auburn July 10 between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. as heat blistered the area.

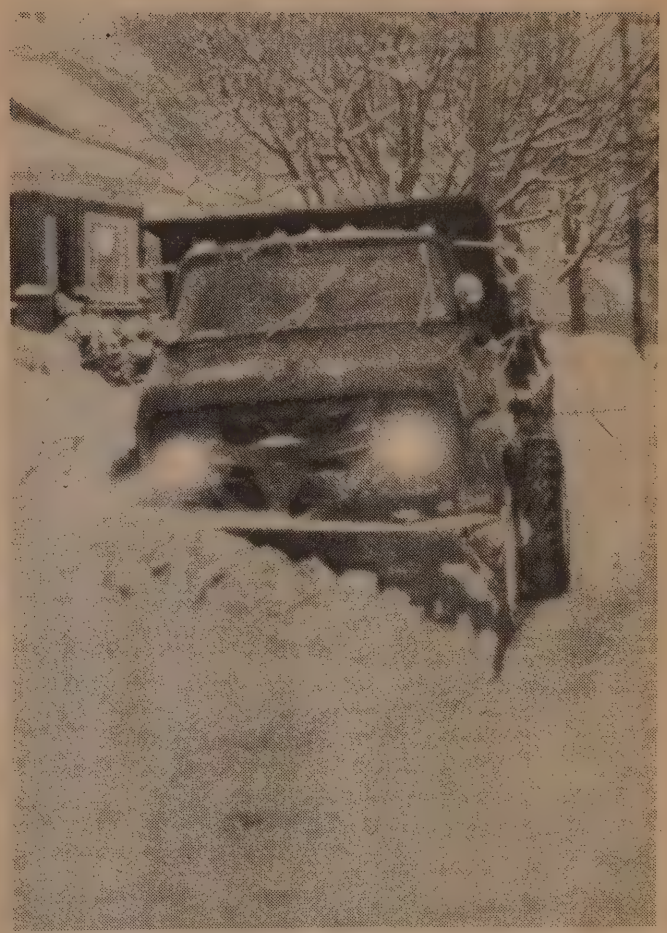
The utility department did without a transformer for more than a year, but Westinghouse repaired the equipment and it was shipped back to Auburn Oct. 4. A court suit over who is responsible for the bill, Westinghouse or the insurance company, is still pending.

Clyde Leeke was appointed acting utility chief after Robert Cameron resigned. Under the direction of both men, utility employes have been busy. New poles and lines have been installed in the rapidly expanding west end, service installed for new apartments and homes in the east, and power provided to homes, businesses and a trailer park to the south.

Auburn Foundry is converting to electric furnaces and considerable time has been allocated to providing sufficient power for that job.

Sewage is another demanding project for the administration. There are constant repair and rebuilding projects, and council, board of works, and plan commission devotes much thought and effort to making sure new installations conform to specifications.

The city has been ordered to come up with a workable area plan for sewage disposal, and 1974 should see officials from Garrett, Waterloo and Butler working together to provide approved sewage disposal for area citizens.



Storm water is another problem faced by city fathers. Installation of the huge storm drain in Industrial Park to the west helped solve drainage problems aggravated by construction of I-69. The drain goes from Auburn Plaza to the Junction. Water problems plagued contractors at the site, but the job was finally completed.

Constant building and the influx of people combined to give councilmen a jolt during 1973. Bill Cassady asked approval for installation of sewage for Foxcroft Addition. The state thought Cassady proposed building 70 homes and turned

down his application. Cassady planned only 32 homes, which the sewage system plant can handle, and the state reversed itself, but the incident brought home the critical nature of an addition to the water pollution control plant.

City officials did some plain and fancy investigating, and found the west edge storm drain reduced the load on the sewage plant by about half a million gallons a day. With the immediate answer solved, city fathers submitted a plan for an inflow study, and that plan has been approved by the State Board of Health.

The question of providing sewage to residents outside city limits was settled with passage of an ordinance requiring a 100 per cent surcharge on the monthly sewage bill.

A rhubarb about drainage woes on Superior Drive developed when several citizens complained. Clyde Williams and Associates Inc., a South Bend engineering firm, was hired to design a storm drainage and sewer system in the Superior Drive-Indian Village area.

Auburn banned the use of plastic pipe in construction early in the year, but disgruntled builders complained and presented information about improved plastic pipe to council. Attitudes about the use of plastic pipe have changed in the administration.

The city's water plant got a face-lift and the facility has been cleaned, painted and fenced. And at the pollution control plant, the city's phosphate removal equpment has been activated and is doing the job for which it was designed. Extensive repairs were made to the chlorinator and the city's drinking water has an untasteable trace of chlorine added, as state standards require.

During March, a city landmark, the old Court Theatre building, was razed. Tenative plans are to install a parking lot where the building stood.

The city purchased 30 acres of land in Auburn Junction to be used as landfill by street and utility departments.

The street department, under Homer Rose's direction, had a successful year. Shoddy streets in the east end were resurfaced and Jackson Street, Indiana Avenue, Township Line Road, and Helen Avenue were paved with asphalt.

Street employes got justified praise for their efforts at cleaning up after two particularly devastating snow storms. An early morning parking ban helped street employes in their various clean-up projects. Citizens bagged leaves, some grudgingly, to make the street department's job of leaf-pick-up a little easier.

Major street projects for '74 include Potter Drive and Grandstaff Drive as well as Main Street and the extension of Fifteenth Street.

Bad building weather delayed the proposed construction of Main Street from city limit to city limit, but the money has been budgeted and the job should be done early in the spring of '74.

Mayor Foley considered it a personal triumph when construction of a new sidewalk at the Auburn Post Office was begun.

Foley and Councilmen Fred Brown, Robert Eyler, Dorsey Speer, Loyal Bowerman and Fisher West are approaching the street program for '74 with caution, though. Asphalt products are skyrocketing in cost and the city's street building program, which accelerated in '73, may grind to a near halt during '74. Thankfully, many major projects were completed last year at a cost of $270,000. Rose estimates the same projects would cost $420,000 if they had been delayed until this year.

New street name signs are being installed throughout the city and can be easily read, even at night.

With building booming in the west end, Mayor Foley turned his attention to traffic lights, lights for the I-69 interchange and the State Road 8 widening project.

Foley won his skirmish with the state to have traffic lights installed on Seventh Street at Cedar and at Indiana. He believes another light should be put up at Seventh and Van Buren and has made his wishes abundantly clear to the state. After some correspondence, the state replied another traffic study of the intersection will be made in the spring. Foley argues citizens avoid the intersection during peak hours because it is next to impossible to get across the street there.

The state agreed the I-69 interchange should have lights and awarded a bid to Butler and Butler for construction. Work began in 1973 but has not yet been completed.

The state highway department has not been idle on its plan to widen State Road 8, but grist grinds slowly in the government mill and the project is not expected to be done until 1976, although construction will probably begin next year.

Chamber of Commerce had productive year

Auburn's Chamber of Commerce had a busy and productive year under the guidance of President Joe Garceau. A parking study committee has reported and the Chamber is still working on the results of that study for hopeful future action.

Chamber members agreed to act as a clearing house for people interested in broadening toll service to area residents, and coordinated calls to arrange testimony at a public hearing before the Public Service Commission in Kendallville.

Executive Secretary Mary Gene Felton attended several training sessions sponsored by national and state chambers. The nominating committee was instructed by the board to select a vice president who would agree to take over the presidency the following year. Previously a president was named from the membership and came into office "cold."

The Christmas decoration project hit snag when the energy crisis was made public, and although Auburn has ample coal-powered electricity, much of the planned lighting was curtailed in sympathy with Americans who were fighting the power shortage.

An industrial development committee met and discussed way to attract new industry to Auburn. A plant and equipment subcommittee recommended the Chamber office be redecorated, a project which has not yet begun.

The Chamber's plans for a sister city went astray when Marum, The Netherlands declined Auburn's invitation to become a sister city. It was "back to the old drawing board" and the committee is seeking an alternative city to adopt.

The Chamber year ended with the annual banquet and installation of Charles Quinn as president. Purdue-Indiana Theatre's Cole Porter Review "wowed 'em" at the annual meeting at DeKalb High School.

Revenue sharing funds were a boon to city government. The city cut the pie and allocated $9,245 for radio equipment for the fire department, $2,322 to the police for car equipment and $706 for investigative equipment, $6,000 to the parks, and the bulk, $40,160, to the street department.

Emergency telephone number 911 was installed in Auburn Oct. 24 and the event was celebrated by city and Bell officials with a luncheon at Greenhurst Country Club. A "test run" call for the fire department resulted in a response within two minutes and 36 seconds when firemen pulled up to the country club. The system has been working efficiently ever since and is a boon to citizens in emergency situations.

The city heard two requests for franchises from Cable Television companies. Award of the franchise is not yet settled, but a committee headed by Fisher West reported on what Auburn needs in the way of CATV.

Building permits, which tripled to $2.9 million from 1971 to 1972, held their own during '73 when Commissioner Noah Yoder issued 74 permits for buildings valued at $2.55 million. At one point, during May, the city actually ran out of bulding lots, but the situation didn't last long. Valley Park Addition gave the city an additional 122 lots for future development.

Things have changed in Auburn Police Department. A completed remodeling job includes closed-circuit television to monitor and tape interviews. The breathalyzer testing unit can be televised and taped for evidence in the courtroom.

Chief Duane Keesler named Ron Hagewood sergeant and hired Patrolman Michael E. Gee and Meter Officer Jerry Crowl.

The department was galvanized into action Nov. 15 when Officer Ed McDonald was shot while investigating a complaint about a man seen rifling through cars at Hoham Apartments, Fourth and Indiana. McDonald submitted to surgery for abdominal injuries, but is back on the job. Steven Gillespie, 25, is charged with aggravated assault and battery with intent to kill.

Not one motorist lost his life in Auburn traffic during 1973, but 41 were hurt and property damage totalled $131,000. Incoming calls climbed from 21,665 in 1972 to 27,552 during '73.

Long-time radio operator Kenny Poorman was honored upon his retirement from the night police radio job he had handled for 11 years.

Antiquated radio equipment in Auburn's fire department was replaced during 1973, but not before installation was delayed by a suit claiming specifications prejudiced the bid award in favor of one company.

Cleo Shoudel, 41, 170 E. Third Street, Auburn, was seriously burned in a fire in a propane gas tank at Essex International. Vapors caused the flash fire Sept. 17.

Fire and smoke caused considerable damage in a May fire at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg building on South Wayne Street. An arson fire at the 4-H cattle barn at the fairgrounds burned the structure to the ground. Another blaze attributed to arson was reported at the old hotel in the Junction. The building was gutted and Fireman Harry Scribner and another fireman were slightly injured.

Firemen fought a fire in September at the Dennis Winebrenner apartment, 109 E. Seventeenth St., but the family lost all furniture and clothing. There was no insurance.

The front half of the Philip and Cathy Egley trailer at West Edge Park was demolished when a wire shorted and started a fire while the couple and their baby son were away Dec. 17.

In all, Auburn firemen answered 84 alarms, but the department was also busy with schooling, installing new radios, implementing the emergency rescue van system, and worked more than 1,000 hours to rebuild a new tanker.

Auburn planners, under Robert Eyler's leadership, spent much of their time studying requests for signs, vacations of property, setback requirements, and issuance of special use permits. Each case is studied on its own merits and amended to comply with city ordinances.

The plan commission asked the city to require special use permits from any proposed gasoline station and the city acted upon that request.

City planners requested county planners notify them when a special permit was requested on bulding outside city limits. The county commission agreed to notify Auburn officials when special hearings involved nearby construction.

The active Auburn Lions Club celebrated its 45th anniversary here during April and in May welcomed a delegation of friends from Japan.

The Y Canteen, happy hunting ground of Auburn teens for many years, closed its doors in May, apparently as the result of repeated vandalisms.

Msgr. Leo A. Hoffmann, popular pastor of Immaculate Conception Church here, celebrated his 40 years as a priest in a concelebrated Mass June 10. And in August, 21 Presbyterian Scouts piled their gear into trucks, campers and a bus and headed for the Alaskan wilds.

Linda Pulver was nervous about her proposed trip to Belgium as an exchange student, but letters home indicate she is having a wonderful time and is thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Pat Kern's "Portrait of Lora" won best of show award at Tri Kappa's annual art show at Eckhart Public Library.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church pastor George Schuette had a narrow escape when Santa Claus, driving Auburn's Rol Muhn's car, backed from a driveway in November and the cars went bang. Santa wasn't too angry though and he reportedly made a Christmas stop at Rev. Schuette's house anyway.

And Auburn Presbyterians gave a Christmas gift of love to the poor people of Kikuyu, Kenya, East Africa...Dr. Phillip Yunker and his pretty wife, who are now serving as medical missionaries there.

Yes, 1973 indeed had its victories.

a look at

DeKalb County

By JANE KEMPF
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There was good news and bad news in DeKalb County in 1973, but when it came to the consumer's pocketbook, all the news was bad. Food prices spiraled, and housewives contented themselves with cheaper cuts of meat in smaller quantities to make household budgets stretch to provide food for their families.

A much-publicized national meat boycott didn't have much effect in DeKalb County. Grocers reported moderate declines in beef sales, but the April Fool's week boycott barely made a difference in grocery revenue.

Everybody was in such a dither about meat, the news media scarcely noticed that fresh vegetables, canned goods, and baked goods also went skyrocketing. Eggs approached the dreaded $1 a dozen mark, and cheese was pound for pound nearly as expensive as meat.

But one man's meat is another man's poison, and gardening outlets did a bang-up business as more and more concerned housewives decided to grow their own.

Livestock farmers hardly noticed the difference at year's end, because although the prices they were getting were up, so were costs of feed and fertilizer. Equipment maintenance and parts also went up in price. On the bright side, it was a banner year for growing things and farmers got prime prices for soybeans and corn.

The energy crisis hit business before the individual consumer knew what was happening. Industrialists first felt the pinch when the gas companies invoked contracts and stopped supplies. And the gas company here announced rate increases three times during 1973. The gas company raised rates to cover increased cost of gas purchased from pipeline suppliers.

When fuel supplies dropped, DeKalb County residents donned warm clothing and set down their thermostats. Motorists began driving 50 instead of 70 and learned one really does use less gas at the slower rate. People began turning off lights not in use, and most gave up outdoor Christmas decorations rather than use extra power.

Without any means of transportation other than automobiles, DeKalb County residents began thinking about car pools or walking or riding bicycles to work. Automobiles provide 81 per cent of our people with transportation. About 17 per cent are close enough to walk to work.

Incomes were up here and increased income was reflected in the dollar business done in the county. Sales of cars, food, clothing, furniture and other merchandise were at a high

level. People were spending more money on food and cars and recreation vehicles and equipment.

Local residents spent a whopping $1.13 million on soda pop, and that's a lot of liquid. More people in the county were self-employed and by April the government said there were 999 self-employed people living here. Insurance coverage was at an all-time high. At the end of December, 4,183 people in DeKalb County were living on pension checks, and those checks were higher than the national average by about $50 a year. Social Security payments rose 5.7 per cent for retired or disabled workers.

Parents held their heads over increased college costs for their children, and although school taxes remained high, state action during 1973 promises a lower tax for schools in Garrett-Keyser-Butler, DeKalb Eastern, and DeKalb-Central school systems when the spring installment falls due.

The property tax will "lose some of its teeth" this year, but property owners paid quite a chunk in 1973.

The county council voted to initiate a .5 per cent local option tax to replace property tax money lost to get enough money to provide for county expenses next year. Council President Theo Webb said the tax would raise $350,000, to be divided between local governments and property tax relief, and the council unanimously agreed the tax would provide the minimum needed for local governments to get by.

Indiana increased its sales tax from two per cent to four per cent in April, but did vote to exempt foods. The original tax was on all products including food. Food handlers took the change in stride.

For every dollar the county got in grants-in-aids programs from Washington, taxpayers here put in $1.54. Indiana was

one of 21 states to get less than it gave.

Commission President James Habig and commissioners Robert Forrest and Frank Laub spent considerable time on county business. One most pressing duty is maintenance of county roads and bridges. Gerald Krafft was county highway superintendent, but resigned Oct. 15 and Wallace Graham took over department leadership.

Spring was rough on local roads and a good deal of time was spent repairing potholes and putting in new roads. Almost 80 miles of chip and seal was installed at .1574 a gallon, a price which is expected to double by next spring.

The highway department spent $26,374.66 on oil for rural gravel roads during 1973, but Graham expects costs of the oil to double too. With the energy crisis, gas sales are expected to decrease and the gas tax that funds the county reduced. The road-oiling program would probably cost $50,000 next year and will be discontinued. Rural residents will have to dig in and have it done at their own expense.

Road material prices are going out of sight and income is going down, a situation which will undoubtedly reduce services to residents in 1974. Graham said his department plans no hot mix installations, but plans cold mix resurfacing on two miles of County Road 10 from 27 to 19; one and one-half miles on County Road 75 between 40A and 34; and four miles on County Road 51 between 56 and State Road 8.

Bids will be taken for cold mix construction for County road 68, the 2.4 miles between 11A and 427 and a load limit will be imposed. Graham also hopes to work on the County Road 23 bridge across Cedar Creek this year.

There are 750 county miles to be maintained. When highway employes plow, they have to travel every road at least twice, and sometimes four times. That's a lot of snow-plow miles.

But if money problems plague consumer, government, and road-builders, it wasn't too evident in K.P. Sithen's office. Building Commissioner Sithen reported residents sought permits valued at $7.8 million, more than double the previous year.

In DeKalb Circuit Court, business was brisk, and it was a year of bad news for drunk drivers. Almost all convicted drunk drivers spent time in jail when Judge Harold D. Stump and Prosecutor H. Charles Winans agreed to prosecute all drunk driving cases in circuit.

In April, there were fewer divorces in DeKalb County than the national average, but divorces climbed to 275 in 1973 from 231 in '72. Fewer people got married here in 1973, but marriage rates still top divorces. Clerk Norman Gerig reported 386 couples applied for marriage licenses. But divorced spouses paid half a million dollars in child support during 1973.

Sanitarian Luther Treesh was charged with guarding the county's health, advising prospective builders and making sure all sanitation systems were safe. He also inspected municipal treatment plants, campgrounds, mobile home parks and industrial waste systems. Treesh and the board of health investigate nuisance reports, communicable disease cases, dead animal reports, dog bites, and pollution and trash dumping. Frances Kessler keeps vital statistics in the health office and School Nurse Eleanor Sunday works out of that office.

DeKalb County Plan Commission elected Dale Custer as president. Planners approved a change of zoning for approximately 100 acres in Keyser Township requested by Garrett Cordage to industrial; a development for Wallace P. Donzella Graham; a development for Ralph and Delilah Seiler; a camper and camper trailer sales business for James and Margery Foulks; a change of zoning from residential to general business for Faye N. Bolinger and Chester A. and Roxie High; a development for Ford and Lola Walter and Max and Garnet Daub; a development plat for Lane Estates near Butler; the Spencer Heights development for Wayne Beerbower; and preliminary plans for a development for Levi and Lillian Pfister.

Planners denied an appeal for rezoning for Wayne Curry; and a development proposed by Norman and Doreen Pinnington and John and Eileen Conrad, but the development plans were changed to include just two lots and that plan was then approved. Planners filed several suits against mobile homes and junk cars kept in violation of county ordinance.

Planners also agreed to work with the local Soil and Water Conservation representatives to learn what land use is most desirable for property being sought as sites for homes, industry or commercial enterprises. They agreed to cooperate with cities and towns within the county when proposed development is made within a radius of those cities.

DeKalb County's first 1973 baby was Michelle Lynn Jarnagin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jarnagin, 323 W. Second St., Auburn.

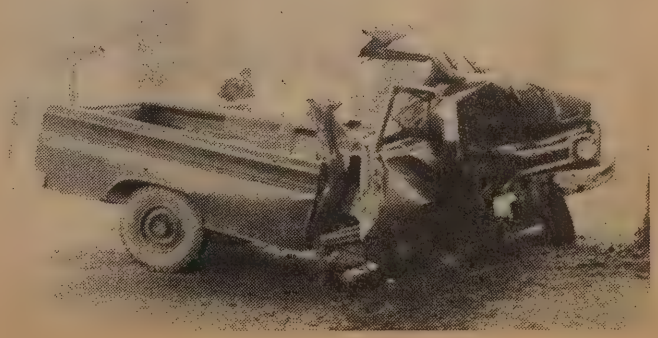
Spencerville delighted local residents with the celebration of its centennial year during July, and beards blossomed in the county like dandelions in spring. The well-organized affair drew hordes of guests and pretty Spencerville was alive with activity over the weekend.

Planning for the folksy, old-fashioned affair took about a year, but tired and happy committee members agreed the centennial was a big success.

The DeKalb County Task Force, the local arm of Criminal Justice Planning Agency's Region II, met frequently during 1973 and began plans for a county youth center. The group has been incorporated, is being qualified as a non-profit organization, and has gotten preliminary approval for funds from Criminal Justice in mid-1974.

A rumpus begun in 1973 about telephone extended area service got the Public Service Committee busy, and the PSC conducted a public hearing in Kendallville to consider evidence presented about limited calling areas for DeKalb and Noble Counties cities and towns. Work done in 1973 bore fruit in '74, when a telephone hour of toll service was offered at a small monthly charge.

John Graham was appointed sheriff early in January to replace James Sims, who resigned to become the Alcoholic Beverage Commission chief. Soon after Deputy Larry Thrush was named chief deputy and John Ells named



sergeant. Larry Metcalf joined the department Jan. 24.

The first fatal accident of the year came May 15 when a Harlan woman and a Fort Wayne man died in a crash at Coburn Corners near St. Joe. Auburn's Charles Dennis died May 31 in a crash east of Auburn. Joyce A. Slentz, Auburn, and Reynaldo Placencia, Garrett, died May 31, Mrs. Slentz, 38, in a car-motorcycle accident south of Auburn, and Placencia in a crash in California. Wilbur Lane, 72, Fort Wayne, became the county's fifth traffic fatality in a crash south of Butler.

Two Ligonier men died in separate accidents in mid-August. John Wallace, 19 slammed into a tree in Waterloo to lose his life in an accident which injured seven other persons, and David W. DePew, 24, died two days later when the motorcycle he was driving ran into another car on County Road 17 two miles west of Ashley.

Vincent L. Rus, 22, Lake Worth, Fla., died Aug. 19 in an accident on I-69 and three Michigan men died in a violent wreck on State Road 1 north of Butler Aug. 23. They were LeRoy E. McDonald, 27, William D. Birchfield, 23, and Bernard J. Lutz, 23.

Accidents claimed the lives of DeKalb County people outside the county also. Douglas Baker, 13, formerly of Garrett, died on Thanksgiving Day in a two-car accident on State Road 205 north of Columbia City. Chris Schlotterback, 60, Garrett, died in a train accident Nov. 26 in Defiance, Ohio.

Patti Louise Taylor Christlieb, 17, died Dec. 20 in Battle Creek of injuries suffered in a Sept. 25 automobile accident in Quincy, Mich. Four-year-old Timothy Link, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Link, formerly of Waterloo, died in a park in Phoenix, Ariz. by drowning.

Edgar Caudill, 42, Route 4, Auburn, also died by drowning, but his widow and her two sons are accused of first degree murder in connection with the Sept. 4 drowning death. That case is still pending.

Dallas W. Howard, 23, Waterloo, is accused of the robbery-murder of George Spahiev, 47, at Variety Liquor Store in Fort Wayne.

Prosecutor H. Charles Winans warned the public about increasing dangerous drug usage in a speech before Auburn Rotarians Sept. 18. He estimated there are in excess of 1,000 drug abusers in DeKalb County and said the problem has grown from "nothing to sickening" in a few short years.

The county blistered under a series of arson-started fires during 1973. The Corunna Feed Mill, owned by Louis Gladieux, Auburn, was destroyed by fire and a storehouse owned by the DeLucenay Brothers, Ashley, became the biggest fire in the city's history. An unoccupied home in Corunna was apparently set by a firebug. The incidents started in July. Corunna firemen suspected arson when the Corunna elevator burned Sept. 1, and Jackson Township firemen thought the fire deliberately set when a barn owned by Stan Liddell went down. Arson was again listed as the cause when Jackson Township firemen fought a barn fire on County Road 35 during October.

Several other major fires were reported in DeKalb County last year. A County Road 3 home owned by Benton Gibson was destroyed when a raging fire began in subzero temperatures Jan. 10. The Noah Miller Residence, County Road 56, was gutted by fire April 25, and in May, Fred Goings and his five children lost their home to fire on State Road 205 and County Road 7 two miles southwest of Garrett.

Two men were burned June 12. George J. Stebing, 55, Auburn, suffered serious burns to the right leg and thigh in a gas explosion at his home, and a trucker was burned when his semi rig caught fire.

Seven puppies died in a fire at the Dan Kester residence, Route 2, Hamilton June 26, and firemen battled a blaze at the St. Joe grain elevator for 14 straight hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Alleshouse, Hamilton lost their bank barn to fire the day before their 30th anniversary in August, and the William Yarian Residence, Garrett, was gutted by fire Oct. 30.

County firemen, who keep abreast of new training classes and work to keep their equipment in tip-top shape, had a busy year. The county association elected Frank (Andy) Monroe, St. Joe, its president in December. The association is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of arsonists.

At least two politicians declared they will be candidates in '74 and both will seek to win the Republican nod for U.S. Representative in the Fourth District, a position now held by Democrat Ed Roush. The hopefuls are Louis W. Bonsib and Edward Kaiser.

Jane Ellison, 17, was crowned Miss DeKalb County during the annual Free Fall Fair, when East Noble took honors as the year's top band. The fair drew the usual happy crowds, and squealing children and taffy apples were in evidence everywhere in downtown Auburn.

ACT I had a great year. After wowing local audiences the group selected Pat Krick best actress, Bill Lawless best actor, Pam Dodson best supporting actress and Jack Hanes as best supporting actor.

The drama group walked off with three first place awards in regional competition in March. Kevin Beuret won first place for the best male performance and Ernestine Parish for best female performance and the cast of Odd Couple got a first place for the best non-musical performance.

DeKalb, Noble and Stueben counties joined to form a Big Brothers organization to give local men an opportunity to "adopt" fatherless boys.

American Field Service chose Linda Pulver, 17-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Peckhart, Auburn, to be the first American sent abroad by the DeKalb County Chapter.

Meanwhile, two local families became hosts to two AFS students: Christa DeClippel from East Flandres, Belgium, who is living with the Roger Wertenbergers in Auburn; and Takuji Fujita, Naruto, Tokushima, Japan, who is staying with the Allan Scranage family in Ashley.

DeKalb County's Pre-School for Handicapped Children started its second year, a bit short of federal funds, but local people donated to keep the school going. The Corvette Club, for instance, gave $500.

The post office in Auburn started Route 4 in July as rural development continues to boom.

And in August there were several UFO sightings in the county.

The courthouse employes' Christmas party was delayed because of the pre-Christmas "big snow" but those employes had a ball relaying their requests to Santa at the post-Christmas affair at Platner's Restaurant.

And Santa came to DeKalb County to the home of the Milton Myers on the Allen-DeKalb county line and bottle fed the Myers' twin fawns. Paul Craft's photograph of the event went out over the UPI wire service to newspapers across the nation.

So 1973 has come and gone, and there were a few bright spots and many trials and tribulations, but the Star wishes you and yours a better 1974.

a look at

Garrett

By DANA HEUPEL
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1973 was a mixed year for Garrett. The small community of about 5,000 residents experienced gains in some areas, such as medical facilities and property tax relief; but faced serious problems with such matters as electric rates, garbage disposal and sewage treatment.

The Garrett Chamber of Commerce reported in late October that about thirteen hundred persons were employed in the city, itself. It estimated that the Chessie System (B&O-C&O railroad) provided jobs for about 350 people alone, and various industries employed about 675. The total employment figure equals out to about one job for each living unit in Garrett.

In the past year, Garrett began to lay the foundation for its city centennial celebration in 1975. In mid-March, the city contacted the Rogers Company of Fostoria, Ohio. The company agreed to manage the centennial celebration for $26,000—$15,700 for supplies and $10,500 to the company itself. The city council, at that time, also set up a non-profit centennial corporation composed of Garrett residents: Mrs. Buford Smith, Mrs. Barbara Haynes, Henry Zecca, Lawrence Bowmar, Larry Dickison and Mrs. Harry D. Heinzerling.

But in May, the committee had reviewed the situation and decided that rather than hire an outside concern to run the celebration, it would be better if the city of Garrett—Garrett government and Garrett people—do it themselves. In October, the Garrett Greater Centennial Committee, headed by Mrs. Smith, staged a "Cents for Centennial" campaign. Volunteers canvassed the streets asking each resident to contribute one cent to the celebration for each year of his age. The workers collected over $1,900 during the two-week campaign. The committee also decided to set the date of the celebration as July, 1975.

Police Department Problems

Garrett's police department experienced a great deal of turnover in 1973. Out of the six men who began the year on the force, only two officers, Harold Werkheiser and Jerry Custer, were still around when the year ended. Four men, including the chief of police, resigned during the year to accept other employment. Patrolman Max Milks left the force in June to work for the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, as did Officer R. Gene Snook in late August. Captain Marion Pickard got out of police work altogether in December when he went to work for a Fort Wayne business concern.

Chief Roy Creager resigned in early July and went to work on the Chessie System following a contract dispute with Mayor John Simon.

On September 1, John Herczeg, a retired Indiana State Policeman from Rome City, began work as police chief replacing Creager. Other officers hired to fill the gaps left by resignations were Scott Bishop, Michael Hansen and Stephen Brown.

Chief Herczeg set out immediately to update the police force and during the remainder of the year, was continually asking the city council to consider hiring two new officers and building a new departmental headquarters. The council, however, failed to act on either of these proposals in 1973.

In the past year, according to the activity report, the police department investigated a total of 192 cases, including 64 thefts and 19 break-ins. At a November city council meeting, the chief announced that the Garrett police, with the cooperation of the sheriff's department, had solved 32 area burglaries in one arrest by cracking a theft ring which had been operating for about three months.

School Enrollment Decreases

While the police department faced an employe reduction during the year, the Garrett-Keyser-Butler community school system also saw a reduction in the number of students enrolled for the 1973-74 school year. For the first time in several years, there were less students: 1,866, as compared to 1,923 in the 1972-73 school year.

While the reduction in students was good news for Garrett teachers, meaning smaller classes and more personal instruction, more good news was forthcoming as the teachers were granted a 9.5 per cent pay increase for the present school year. The school board also hired 12 new teachers.

The teachers' guild, the Garrett Classroom Teachers Association (GCTA), became involved in a bargaining dispute during the latter part of 1973 with the school board.

Under Public Law 217, which was enacted by the state legislature during the year, the teachers were to name a bargaining agent to handle contract negotiations. The GCTA, although it was the only employe organization in the school system, faced troubles being recognized by the school board as the legal agent. A dispute as to which positions represented management and which covered by the GCTA was not settled by the end of the year.

It cost $1,505,358 to operate the school system for the 1972-73 fiscal year, but the brunt of the financial burden didn't fall on the taxpayers. Garrett residents experienced a school property tax decrease of 39 cents for the present school year as the school tax rate declined from $6.49 to $6.10 per $100 property valuation. The school board, in releasing its budget in July, cited the reason for the reduction as additional revenue from the state.

Property Taxes Go Down

The reduction in school property taxes was only one facet of a property tax decrease for the residents of Garrett. The total property tax rate decreased 78 cents from $10.92 in the 1972-73 fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) to $10.14 in the present fiscal year.

One reason for this tax decrease was a decrease in the civil city property tax. The city tax rate dropped 24 cents from $2.36 to $2.12. The city council said the city was getting more funds from federal revenue sharing ($38,877) and the tax burden was also eased by the adoption of a local option tax in the county of one-half of one per cent of income. The local option tax went into effect in July and was estimated to add revenue of $217,000 for city, county and township governments in DeKalb County.

The total property tax breakdown for Garrett residents is: $6.10 for schools; $2.12, civil city; $1.50, county; $.34, library; $.05, township; $.02, poverty relief; and $.01, state.

Electric Rate Increase Proposed

Money is always a problem to any city, and Garrett was no exception in 1973. While the property tax rates dropped, the residents found that an electric rate increase might keep them from banking their tax savings.

Garrett buys its electricity from the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company and then resells it to its residents. In February, the company announced a 22.57 per cent increase in the cost of its services. This placed a burden on the city and the council hired an accountant, Herschel Umbaugh from a Plymouth, Indiana firm, to study the feasibility of increasing the electric rates. A study was made, and in November, Umbaugh appeared before the council with his recommendations.

The accountant said the city's electrical rates were outdated, and that Garrett was even losing money on some industrial customers. He proposed an electric rate increase of varied amounts for various consumers which would raise residential rates 16 per cent; total electric home, 28 per cent; commercial business, 15 per cent; and industrial about 1 per cent. The council held a public hearing on the matter, and passed a rate ordinance which included Umbaugh's recommendations. The proposal then went to the Indiana Public Service Commission for review in early 1974.

The council in July also approved a program to improve the city's electrical service. The improvements were based on an electrical engineering firm's survey which stated the city has been doubling its electrical usage every 14 years. The improvements will consist of new cables, transformers and other equipment throughout the city. It will cost $804,000 and will take place over a period of about ten years.

State Mandates

Other than electric, Garrett also realized probable increases in two other services, sewage treatment and garbage collection. These improvements, however, were not suggested by the city council. They were mandated by the State Board of Health.

In 1972, the State Board of Health instructed the cities of Garrett and Altona to improve their sewage systems. Garrett let contracts for improving the facilities in January and sold $430,000 in a bond issue in May to the Traub Company of Indianapolis at an interest rate of 5.08417 per cent. Plans were drawn up for the additions and approved by the Indiana Board of Health and the Indiana Stream Pollution Control Board. But in July, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) turned down Garrett's application for federal funding because the program was "not broad enough in scope." Since the city had hoped to pay off some of the bond issue with the federal funds, they spent the rest of the year trying to meet the requirements of the EPA.

During the year, the board of health also ordered Garrett to cease operations at its city landfill west of town. The board said the city had failed to maintain the required 600-foot distance from a residence and the landfill could not hold any more waste material. After reviewing various other alternatives, the city fathers decided to let a contract to Merritt Inc. of Auburn to haul the garbage to the county landfill. Garrett had previously provided this service, itself. The cost to the Garrett resident would be 36 cents per week and the city agreed to pay the difference for Merritt's gas above a base price of 33.6 cents per gallon. The service Merritt agreed to provide consists of one pickup per week and the council slated it to start February 1, 1974.

In 1973, Garrett residents also received the benefits of softer water from the new water treatment plant. The facility has reduced the hardness of the city's water from 19 grains to 5 grains. It treats an average of 400,000 to 500,000 gallons per day and cost $238,000.

New Medical Facilities

Like every other city in the country, Garrett suffered from the shortages of gas, meat and paper in 1973. The city also faced a doctor shortage, but not a shortage in medical facilities.

On June 3, 1973, the Garrett Community Hospital was formally dedicated, although it had been in service since 1972. And during the year, beside the hospital on the south edge of Garrett, a new medical clinic was constructed.

The new clinic is an 18-room building, with eight examining rooms, a waiting room, lab, surgery and X-ray, office spaces and doctors' and nurses' lounge rooms.

Earlier in the year, the city was concerned about its shortage of doctors, and held conferences with various authorities to determine how to attract members of the medical profession to Garrett. Its problems were alleviated when Dr. Brena Farrales announced she would begin practice in early 1974.

All in all, 1973 was a year of flux for Garrett. The city experienced changes in its police department; increases in its medical, utility and garbage services; and decreases in its taxes and school enrollment. But as time goes on, wounds heal, improvements become outdated and the hand of time passing shapes and molds everything, including the city of Garrett.

a look at

Business and industry

By JAMES KROEMER
Star Managing Editor

Long delayed by bad weather, the Auburn Plaza Shopping Center was occupied by eight different businesses in 1973, and by the end of the year was a bustling commercial center.

But perhaps an even more significant indication of Auburn's economic health was the enthusiastic building and expansion downtown.

When 1973 began, only one store, Coast to Coast Hardware, was open in the plaza, and it had been open less than a month.

But in February, a 60,000 square foot Grant City store opened with Pat Laughlin as manager. Shortly thereafter, Revco opened its pharmacy in the plaza.

Monique Fabrics, with Virginia Nelson as manager, was the next plaza merchant to open for business in March, and in July, Kroger opened its big new superstore in the plaza, naming Don Weigand manager.

Sears moved its business from a building at Ninth Street and Indiana Avenue to expanded facilities in the plaza in September. C. David Munton is manager of the Auburn Sears store.

The plaza became fully occupied in December when Fischer's Colony Gift Shop, and The Classic Shop, managed by Roger Gumm, opened for business.

Business development in Auburn's west end was not limited to the plaza in 1973, however, In May, ground was broken for a Lucky Steer Restaurant at I-69 and Ind. 8, and in December, the restaurant opened for business.

Construction also started on a Burger Chef restaurant, and an L & K Restaurant and motel complex in 1973, and was still underway as the year ended. Also, despite the gas shortage, a new Shell station and car wash opened on West Seventh Street during the year.

Downtown

Business growth downtown was highlighted by the moves of two major financial institutions to new quarters during the year.

In June, the City National Bank of Auburn moved from its old quarters to a new and vastly expanded facility on Van Buren Street between Eighth and Ninth Streets.

People's Federal Savings and Loan Association also moved from its old offices on Main Street to a big new building at the corner of Seventh and Van Buren Streets in September.

The opening brought Auburn a visit from former Indiana Gov. Edgar Whitcomb, a personal friend of People's Board Chairman Forrest Gerig.

A third financial institution, The Auburn Federal Savings and Loan Association, undertook an ambitious remodeling and expansion project at its Seventh and Jackson Street location that was in its final stages and the year's end.

In April, Allison's opened its remodeled and expanded facility at Fifth and Main Streets downtown. Long a leader in automotive parts business, Allison's added with the expansion True Value hardware and gift items in the retail field.

Other new downtown businesses during the year included Thomas Real Estate, opened by Eleanor Thomas in February, J & M Statuary, opened by Jerry and Merial Aschleman in June, and Armstrong Real Estate, opened by Erv Armstrong in May.

In December, Joyce Springer and Claudia Simmons opened Our Flower Shoppe at 135 E. Ninth St., and Tom and Jackie Smith opened The Sound Gallery on East Ninth Street.

In November, the R. L. Barrett Variety Company purchased the National Five and Ten Cents Store from M.E. Haite, who retired.

The Auburn Credit Bureau also changed hands, as it was purchased in January by Max Hambidge and Larry Kuneff from Helen Snow.

Hal Hoham realized an old dream in 1973 when he constructed an apartment complex on Van Buren Street between Tenth and Eleventh Streets, and Russ Morton of Auburn Motor Sales was recognized by Welcome Wagon International in October for being one of the only automobile dealers in the nation to provide a local Welcome Wagon hostess with an automobile for 10 straight years.

The Indian Village Church of God held its dedication service for its new church in 1973, and the Bible Baptist Church started a major expansion and remodeling project.

On the industrial scene, Dana Corporation named Conrad Hafner its plant manager in February, and later in the year broke ground for a new $250,000 laboratory building.

Warner celebrated its 35th anniversary in Auburn in September, hosting an open house for employes and their families. More than 2,000 people attended, and viewed the Warner Car of the Future, also a popular attraction at the annual A-C-D Festival.

Dom Liberatore, manager of the J.C. Penney Store downtown served as president of the retail merchants division of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce during 1973, and David Southern, Dilgard and Cline, was elected president for 1974.

The business year closed on a sad note as Donald C. Schaab, who celebrated his 80th birthday in May of 1973, announced he was closing Schaab's Department Store after 96 years in business in Auburn.

Business

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211 E. 7th St., 925-0139

APPLIANCES

All Appliance Sales & Service
100 S. Cedar St., 925-1718

Goings Appliances
RCA-WHIRLPOOL
132 E. 7th St., 925-1240

AUTOMOBILE BODY SHOPS

Blue's Body Shop
336 Lincoln St., 925-3014

R.L. Holben Auto & Body Shop
215 E. 7th St., 925-3010

AUTOMOBILE AGENCIES

Auburn Motor Sales Co.
203 E. 9th St., 925-3100

G.C. Lepley Sales, Inc.
CHEVROLET-PONTIAC
123 W. State, Ashley, 587-9121

Maxton Motors, Inc.
CHEVROLET-OLDS-PONTIAC
CHEVROLET TRUCKS
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Allison Corporation & Hardware
219 N. Main St., 925-4700

Twin Pull, Inc.
Radiator & Differential
215 E. 14th St., 925-2652

Warner Gear
Warner Road, 925-3200

BEAUTY SHOPS

Beauty Station
1613 S. Sprott, 925-2228

Mary's Beauty Salon
215 N. Main St., 925-1713

Style Shop
1111 S. Main St., 925-2715

CALENDARS, RELIGIOUS

Messenger Corporation
318 E. 7th St., 925-1700

CARPET CLEANERS

Duraclean Rug & Upholstery Cleaners
118 W. 6th St., 925-2637

CLUTCH MANUFACTURERS

Dana Corporation—
Spicer Clutch Division
5th and Brandon, 925-3800

CONCRETE, READY MIXED

Yoder Ready Mix & Supply Co.
South Union, 925-3960

CONTRACTORS

Mansfield's Construction Systems, Inc.
North Brandon Rd., P.O. Box 127, 925-4610

Paul Lane, Inc.
REALTORS-BUILDERS
400 W. Main St., Butler, 868-2112

PLUMBING & HEATING

Bob Frank Plumbing,
Heating & Air Conditioning
Rt. 4, CR 19, 925-2854 or
Larry Spade, 281-2159

DEPARTMENT STORES

Grant City
Auburn Plaza, 925-0410

J.C. Penney Co., Inc.
115-119 N. Main St., 925-2960

DISTRIBUTORS, OIL

Laub Bros. Oil Co.
"SHELL PRODUCTS"
Butler, 868-2183

R.W. Johnson Oil Company
10th and Jackson St., 925-3718

DRY CLEANERS

Cook Cleaners
10th and Union St., 925-0766

GARDEN-ROTOTILLER

Frazer Farm Equipment Co.
1919-1923 S. Wayne, 925-2210

FARM AND GARDEN CENTERS

Auburn Farm & Garden Center
North Indiana Extended, 925-0546

FINANCE COMPANIES

Town Finance Company
115 W. 9th St., 925-0814
106 E. King, Garrett, 357-5165

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

The Auburn State Bank
101 N. Main St., 925-3060

The City National Bank of Auburn
129 S. Main St., 925-0960

The Knisely National Bank of Butler
Butler, 868-2177

People's Federal Savings & Loan
212 W. 7th St., 925-2500

DeKalb County Farm Bureau
517 N. Indiana Ave., 925-0800

Co-op Credit Union
Route 1, Waterloo, 925-1002

FLOOR COVERINGS

West Floor Covering
1002 S. Cedar, 925-3016

FLORISTS

Armstrong Bouquet
212 N. Main St., 925-2399

The Auburn Flower Shop
360 W. 7th St., 925-0142

Our Flower Shoppe
135 E. 9th St., 925-2818

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FOUNDRIES

Auburn Foundry, Inc.
635 W. 11th St., 925-0900

Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry
South Hazel St., 925-3515

Foley Pattern Company, Inc.
500-502 W. 11th St., 925-4113

FUEL OILS

Auburn Burner, Inc.
512 S. Cedar St., 925-2600

FUNERAL HOMES

Gerig's Funeral Home
368 W. 7th St., 925-3600

GAS COMPANIES

Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co., Inc.
156 E. 7th St., 925-2700

GLASS SHOPS

Haney's Glass Shop
619 N. State, Kendallville, 347-3456

HARDWARE

Coast to Coast Hardware
Auburn Plaza, 925-1375

ICE CREAM

Smith's Dairy Queen-Brazier
State Road 8 West, 925-1233

INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT

Mark R. Holdeman Equipment Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 309, 925-3587

INDUSTRIAL RUBBER PRODUCTS

Cooper Industrial Products, Inc.
725 W. 11th St., 925-0700

INSURANCE

Andres Insurance
107 N. Cedar St., 925-4264

Farm Bureau Insurance Agency
Michigan and Brandon St., 925-4214

W.C. Schaab & Co.
Insurance Building
107 E. 9th, 925-4212

West Brothers Insurance Agency
123 W. 8th St., 925-4010

IRON & METAL

Standard Iron & Metal, Inc.
1915 S. Wayne St., 925-4168

JEWELERS

Carbaugh Jewelers
108 E. 7th St., 925-3113

Cooper's—Jewelry & Gift, Inc.
225 S. Broadway, Butler, 868-2312

LIQUORS

The Bottle, Pkg. & Carry Shop
222 W. State St., Ashley, 587-9400

House of Spirits
202 S. Union St., 925-2918

MEN'S WEAR

The Classic Shop
Auburn Plaza, 925-0684

METAL PLATING

Bastian Plating Company, Inc.
625 W. 15th St., 925-1820

METAL PRODUCTS

Rieke Corporation
500 W. 7th St., 925-3700

MOWER & TRACTOR ENGINES

Shorty's Motor Service
328 W. 11th St., 925-0916

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Mid-City Typewriter, Inc.
414 S. Main St., 925-3414

PHARMACIES

Revco Discount Drug Center
Auburn Plaza, 925-1760

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Davis Studio
410 S. Main St., 925-4310

PRINTING

Webb Printing Company
500 North St., 925-2566

PUBLISHERS

The Evening Star
118 W. 9th St., 925-2611

REAL ESTATE

Graber Realty
102 N. Main St., 925-4400

Myers Real Estate
108 E. 6th St., 925-3268

Shaw Real Estate Agency
120 W. 8th St., 925-4014

Wible Real Estate
219 E. 7th St., 925-4068

REST HOMES

Betz Nursing Home
Route 3, 925-3814

Souder Health Care
205 W. 6th St., 925-2800

RESTAURANTS

Penguin Point 15
607 W. 7th St., 925-3112

SERVICE STATIONS

Auburn Interstate Standard
State Road 8 and I-69, 925-4622

Mike Healey's Interstate Mobile
State Road 8 & I-69, 925-1610

Warstler Standard Service
510 S. Main St., 925-9975

TELEPHONE COMPANIES

Indiana Bell Telephone Co., Inc.
322 W. 7th St., 925-2060

TRUCKING

Woody Hess Trucking
128 Madison St., 925-2364

a look at

Butler

By ADELE LASH
Star Staff Writer

Butler progressed in several areas in 1973 including industrialization, housing and recreation.

Early in the year the city council was approached by Lane Realty representatives concerning annexation of a tract of land on Butler's south side for a proposed industrial park.

Within the next few months the land was annexed, rezoned and the council and Eastside Contracts, which later became developer for the project, had discussed a joint agreement for supplying water and sewer lines for the industrial park.

In December, Council President Joe Baldwin announced Earth Construction and Engineering Inc. had been awarded the contract to construct the lines.

In his statement Baldwin said growth of industry and housing in Butler would create jobs, added tax valuation and increased population for the city.

"We cannot attract new industry and population growth to Butler if we have nothing to offer," Baldwin said.

The 16 new apartment units added in Butler along with the average of 25 new homes added per year indicate Butler's population is increasing.

Butler's recreational program got off to a good start in January when an ordinance was passed by the council which created a new park on the old city dump site. The new park is named "Susie Community Park" after the town's pet deer. The state's approval of Butler's five-year park plan and a grant from the Lilly Foundation gave the program another boost.

New pavillions and restrooms were purchased for three Butler parks during the year.

Revenue-sharing funds of $23,750 plus interest raised on the funds provided Butler with police and fire equipment and street resurfacing. Mats added to most of the streets in town used $14,351.73 in revenue-sharing funds. Police equipment purchased accounted for $1,660 and fire equipment for $868.48.

Butler's water treatment plant continued to have problems throughout 1973, although by the year's end the plant seemed to be functioning properly and final payment was made to French Construction Company for the plant construction.

Unresolved at year's end was the Green Street Drainage problem. Six Butler property owners had complained water was backing up in the drainage system and flooding their basements.

The estimated cost of curbing and tiles to alleviate the problem was $35,000, but no plans for the work had been submitted by the end of 1973.

Susie presented Butler with a second set of twins in July. The fawns were named Eli and Lilly in honor of the pharmaceutical firm that donated funds for Susie Community Park.

The DeKalb County Eastern Community School District hired Charles M. Ray Jr. as principal of Butler Elementary and Riverdale Elementary schools. Ray was previously an elementary principal in the Prairie Heights Community School District. He had taught English for three years in Butler Elementary School's sixth grade.

The school system as well as Mrs. Freida Guilford, Riverdale Elementary School first grade reading teacher, was honored when Mrs. Guilford was named "Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America for 1973."

Butler was not without tragedy in 1973. Francis "Frank" Hottell, Route 1, Butler, was killed in a corn picker while working with the machine.

Another Butler farmer, Adrian Washler, 79, Route 1, Butler, was run over by the tractor he was driving in a cornfield near his home June 12.

A blaze that started in a bathroom furnace area of a trailer home in Butler April 5 demolished the trailer and left a family of seven homeless. Mrs. Warren Paul Berry and a seven-year-old son and 20-month-old twins were home when the fire broke out, but escaped without injury. Mr. Berry was at work in Auburn and a 12-year-old son and seven-year-old daughter were in school.

The Norfolk and Western tracks on U.S. 6 at the east edge of Butler was the site of a truck-train crash May 17. Trucker Joe Young, Toledo, Ohio, suffered cuts and bruises to the face, nose and mouth. The trucker apparently followed another truck across the track and failed to see the flashing signal operating.

Four engines hauling about 225 freight cars hit the semi, which was loaded with empty racks. The truck, valued at $35,000 was a total loss. Damage was estimated at $20,000 to the Norfolk and Western engines. Butler police Chief Marion Albertson said about $2,000 damage was done to one flasher light.

The year ended on a lighter note, however. Christmas brought an eight pound two and one-half ounce Christmas present to Rev. and Mrs. Wiliam Robert Nungester, 123 W. Main St., Butler. The present, named Patricia Lynne, made her debut at 6:05 a.m. Christmas Day.

Waterloo

By JANE KEMPF
Star City Editor

The tumult and the shouting over the proposed sewer rate increase in 1972 died down last year as town fathers got down to the business of getting the job done.

Although government financing has stalled the installation of an addition at the town's sewage plant, Town Board President Don Ruegsegger and board members Ed Gerkin and Bill Schlosser have worked with Utility Supt. Charles Taylor to install catch basins.

Ruegsegger reports the town in better shape than it has ever been concerning catch basins. "The system is now complete," he reported at a council meeting late in the year.

At a public meeting reported April 1, citizens argued the best routes to be taken for sewer lines. Board members conferred with citizens, in some cases changing original plans, and finally layed out a workable sewage system.

The town has combination sewers in many instances, and storm water added to sewage overloads the town sewage plant. The state mandated an addition to the plant to handle the hydrostatic overload rather than requiring separation of storm and sanitary sewers, a project which is beyond the means of the town purse.

Plans were underway for the plant addition, when the state said, "Whoa." Although the mandate to enlarge is still in effect, the town can't get federal funds until local towns and cities submit comprehensive area plans to dispose of waste water.

Town board members are still trying to improve the system. They have notified the public they cannot allow disposal of sewage through septic systems, because treated effluence from homes and businesses kills the bacteria treating sewage at the town plant.

The town has been plagued with sewage problems for many years. It is low, so storm water takes its toll in heavy rains and melting snows.

In an attempt to speed up modernization of the sewage system, town board members hopefully added $10,000 to their 1974 budget, but their hopes were dashed when the addition was disallowed.

As though problems caused by nature weren't enough, the town board regretfully closed the ladies restroom at the police station. The restroom was a prime target for vandals, who stuffed towels into the plumbing, scribbled graffiti on the walls, and stuffed soggy towels through the windows. So closed it was and closed it stays, despite a few complaints from citizens.

Street projects on Center, Railroad, Douglas and Walnut streets were completed during 1973. The street department was notified by DeKalb Central School District they could use the old highway garage building on the basis of a 15-day eviction notice. The notification precipitated some concern, and city fathers asked and received bids on a new building to house expensive city equipment. DeKalb Construction got the bid.

Illinois Mutual Insurance Co., through its representative Dow Baker, received the town's nod on a bid of $164.65 a month cost for insuring five city employes.

The mausoleum at Waterloo Cemetery was rebuilt and John Sherburn reported should last another 75 years if properly maintained. Copies were made of cemetery records.

Chief Bill Vallance reported his police department lost one officer, Michael Hansen, who resigned, and hired Keith E. Reas to replace Hansen. The department is now at full force with Vallance, Larry Hart, and Reas employed fulltime. The town also has an active police reserve.

Waterloo police foiled an attempted bank robbery at Citizen's State Bank during November. The would-be bank robbers got in but were apparently frightened off when the alarm sounded. A masked bandit did rob the Arco Service Station at I-69 west of Waterloo.

Citizens sighed a collective sigh of relief when they learned four-year-old Louise Williford, daughter of Robert and Karen Williford, 280 N. Center St., Waterloo, was recovering from injuries she suffered when she darted in front of a car on South Wayne Street.

Five mini-burglars were questioned in February about their parts in a series of Waterloo thefts. The pint-sized gang stole stereo tapes, tools, Christmas lights, and keys from machines at Brand's Trailer Park laundromat.

Several small power outages were experienced last year, most caused by storms, but the lights went out in March when John Diehl, 22, Route 1, Waterloo, lost control on snow and skidded broadside into a power pole and sheared it off. Diehl was slightly injured.

The town got a new fire truck from Midwest Fire Apparatus and Safety Equipment Co. Chief Aelred Pfefferkorn and Asst. Chief Ray Fee studied bids and the town ordered a Howe fire truck at a cost of $30,962.

March was a bad month for Waterloo citizens. Citizens were shocked and saddened to hear that Rosa Gratz died at age 79 from burns suffered in a stove fire at her Route 1, Waterloo home Feb. 18.

And in March a disastrous fire struck the Waterloo Grain Company. The storage facility burned to the ground and grain valued at between $25,000 and $30,000 was lost to the blaze.

Mobile Meals Inc. of Waterloo continued their service to elderly residents and shut-ins by providing daily meals. The program began in 1972 but has expanded its services. Country Charm Homemakers gave Mobile Meals magnetic signs for their delivery cars.

The civic-minded Waterloo Lions donated time and money to completely redecorate town hall's board room, a job which much needed doing.

But the year ended with a bang, when Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Jennings, 440 W. Union St., Waterloo, had a Christmas Eve baby boy to increase the population by one welcome child.

a look at

Sports

DeKalb

By DOUG TONEY
Star Sports Writer

Sports at DeKalb High School in 1973 experienced a good year overall. Strong individual contributions by students and coaches gave the hometown crowd a good program.

The basketball team, under the guidance of Coach Ramar Wakenight compiled a 14-8 record, clinching the second NEIC conference championship in the school's history. The Barons played to a 7-1 conference record.

The Barons lost in the sectional to Fremont, the dark horse team which went on to cinch its first sectional title in fifteen years.

Rick Roark and Dave Gafken made the all-conference NEIC team for the season. Both Roark and Gafken were seniors.

Wrestling, coached by Russ Smith sported a 6-8 record at the end of the season. The grapplers placed seventh in the conference and fourth in the sectional.

Two DeKalb wrestlers placed second in their weight class and advanced to the regional; Kevin Webb, heavyweight and Al High, 126 pound class. Webb finished fourth in the tournament.

Gymnastics, led by Coach Steve Bowman, fought a tough schedule and came out on the low end with a record of 2-12. But the season had its standout in the form of John Ober. Ober placed third in the sectional and placed eighth in the state meet.

Outstanding is the best word to describe Coach Robert Voelkel's track team record. The trackmen went 6-0 on dual meets for the year, stretching to 23 the number of consecutive victories.

The team won the highly regarded Kokomo relays for the fifth year in the row in their division. They also won the Tri State relay at Quincy, Mich. and the Columbia City relays. The DeKalb team then topped the season off by winning the conference meet.

Junior Marshall Grate had an excellent season in the mile and climaxed his running with a sixth place in the state meet in the mile. Grate missed breaking the four minute barrier by less than eighteen seconds.

Baseball, with its spring season and summer league, provided DeKalb fans with an exciting season. Coached by Bill Jones, the team compiled a 16-10 record for the year. The summer proved to be the best climate for the Barons as they

chalked up a 14-3 record and winning both the conference and the summer tournament.

Pitcher Cy Voelkel, presently attending Ball State University, signed with the Oakland organization as a fourth round draft choice.

Golf during the 1973 season compiled a 9-6 record. The team, coached by Jack Wagner, got sixth place in both the conference and in the sectional.

The tennis team played to a 4-6 record, losing to conference winner East Noble in the conference tournament. Senior Jim Dunn led the team and advanced through the first round of the sectional.

Baron football, under the leadership of Bill Moree, took a firm hold on their season by winning five straight before falling to Concordia 12-10 in an upset. The Barons compiled a 7-3 record and placed fourth in the conference.

Chris Phillips, Brian Webb, Shane Starr, Pete Smith, and John Platt were selected for all conference team honors.

Garrett

Athletics at Garrett during 1974 were highlighted by an excellent baseball season that climaxed with the sectional title and the drafting of slugger-catcher Greg Shippy.

Shippy was drafted by Detroit, his long standing favorite team. Shippy was selected in the sixth round of the draft after finishing with a .452 batting average and five home runs.

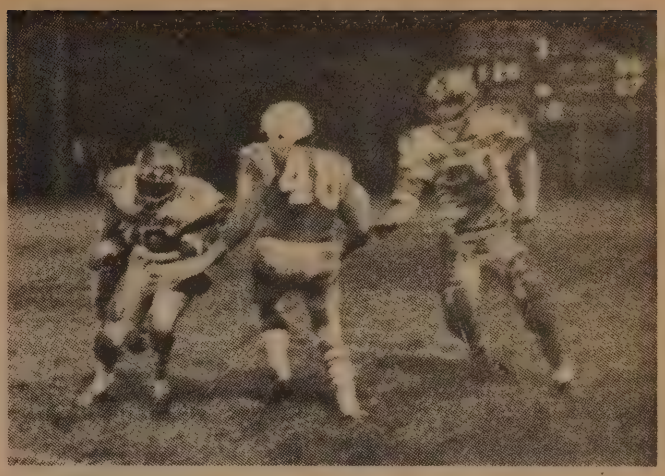
Garrett's strong club finished second in the conference, and ended with a 21-6 record for spring baseball.

Basketball finished the season with a 12-10 record and was beaten by Prairie Heights in the sectional.

Track ended up with an even record at 5-5. Garrett placed ninth in the conference, and seventh in the Class B competition in the Goshen relays and the Carroll relays.

Four school records were broken. New marks were set in the half mile, mile relay, high jump and discus.

Cross country, with six members, ran for a 7-6 record and finished ninth in the conference. Frank Sellke ran the fastest



for the young team turning in a time of 13:30 for the two and one half mile run.

Football ended with a 5-5 season highlighted by a revengeful beating of DeKalb 34-14 after suffering defeat by the Barons a few weeks earlier. Garrett placed third in the NEIC.

The athletic information used here was released by Garrett Athletic Director Tom Christ.

Eastside

Football provided Eastside fans with some exciting evenings and 52 new school records during the 1973 season.

Out of 81 records in football at Eastside High School, 52 offensive and defensive records were broken. Most points in one game (42), most points for one season (153), longest touchdown run (82 yards by Scott Parshall) and fewest total yards gained by an opponent (-4).

The team ended with a 3-7 record and standout Parshall made the first team on the all-ACAC, all area, and all state selections.

Track provided a low 2-7 record for the season, but the team provided some excellent competition and broke six school records.

Kevin Campbell set three individual records in the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, and the 180 low hurdles. Scott Parshall set a new school record in the 440 yard dash and Jeff Dielman set a new record in the 120 yard high hurdles. Neil Martin set the record in the discus.

Basketball experienced a rather disappointing season unable to win a game all season. Eastside ended their season with a 0-22 record.

The success of the cross country team was plagued by inexperience and a tough schedule and managed a 1-15 record. The running Blazers finished ninth in the ACAC conference meet and placed sixth in the Lakeland Invitational. Freshman Dennis Drake established a new school record with a 13:32 time in the event.

This report is based on information released by Eastside Athletic Director Jim White.

Hamilton

Hamilton High School athletics provided some big surprises in 1973. For the first time in the school's history, football became a big winner.

The Hamilton Marines dug in and came up at the end of the season with a conference title and an 8-1 record for the year.

Larry Hetrick, big lineback for the Marines, made all state linebacker, and received first team recognition in the NECC conference.

Bill Tittle, Curt Howe, Jon Ladd, Tim Wolfe, and Rick Stevens accompanied Hetrick on the all conference team. Stevens was edged out of the leading scorer category at the end of the season, finishing second.

Basketball also produced a winning season with the Marines racking up a 12-10 record on the season. The Marines ran into trouble during the sectional, as they lost to sectional winner Fremont in the first game of the tourney. Dave Gilbert, the standout guard for the Marines, was selected to the all conference team.

Track at Hamilton in 1973 has the dubious distinction of being the only sport in 1973 to have a losing season. The cindermen mustered only a 4-7 record and finished fourth in the conference.

However, the future looks bright at Hamilton in track, as two freshmen qualified for the sectional. Dan Houser and Larry Gilbert both qualified for competition in the two mile run.

Baseball at Hamilton was limited to spring competition as Hamilton adopted to new IHSAA rule changes. The team batted their way to a 9-6 record. The swinging Marines fought their way to the final round of the sectional but lost to Garrett in the final game.

Endurance and dedication led the Hamilton Cross Country team to an 8-4 record for the season. The harriers ran to a third place in the conference and finished eighth in the sectional. In the sectional meet, Dan Houser turned in his best time of the year running the long two and a half mile distance in 12:59.

Golf at Hamilton took on a winning season with ease in 1973. The team finished third in the conference and turned in some low scores to place second in the conference meet. Jon Ladd was the team's medalist.

a look at

Recreation

By ADELE LASH
Star Staff Writer

The move to establish an Auburn-Waterloo Bikeway along County Road 427 was perhaps the biggest boom to recreation seen in 1973.

The possibility of constructing a bikeway came up after McKenney-Harrison Principal Arthur Rahe witnessed a near bike-car accident on heavily trafficked County Road 427. He approached the Evening Star and WIFF radio about polling the public to see if interest for such a project existed. Rahe also contacted county leaders concerning the issue.

Spurred perhaps by the renewed interest in bicycling and bicycle safety, many persons responded favorably to the bikeway polls, and were even willing to donate money to the cause.

Attorney Grant Van Horne volunteered free legal services to the bikeway project. By late July the idea had grown into a two community campaign for volunteers and committees were set up.

Dr. Floyd B. Coleman was appointed finance committee chairman; Auburn Police Chief Buck Keesler was named safety committee chairman and Steve Bowman, construction committee chairman.

Final plans and specifications include constructing the five foot wide asphalt bikeway 20 to 30 feet off the paved edge of the roadway within the right of way limits of the highway. Estimated cost of the four-mile strip is $45,000.

Although some funds have been donated, Grant Van Horne said no real fund drive has begun yet. He expects fund raising to begin toward the end of January.

In December of 1973 the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners got in on the action when they approved the inner-governmental agreement for the bikeway.

The agreement provides for Auburn, DeKalb and Waterloo's cooperation in the bikeway construction.

Both Auburn and the Waterloo Town Board signed the agreement and now it awaits Indiana Attorney General approval.

Van Horne reported the agreement has been taken to the Attorney General's office, and as soon as it is approved, the way will be clear for construction sometime in early spring. Construction is expected to take about 30 days.

Auburn's YMCA has served the community for 59 years and Mike Todd, YMCA director, summarized 1973 as an exciting and busy one. New programs were introduced and many new people became interested in Y activities, with a total attendance for all programs of over 25,000.

In February, Dave Kruse resigned as the Y's physical director to enter private business. His position was filled by Michael Connell, who resigned from the Middletown, Ohio YMCA to come to Auburn.

New YMCA Board officers were elected in the spring. Dr. F.A. Duncan was named president, Ron Ball, vice president, Rev. George Schuette, secretary and M.C. Haggarty, treasurer.

Auburn City Parks
Eckhart Park
Memorial Park
Forest Park
Desoto Park
Riley Park
Thomas Memorial Park

Garrett City Parks
Feick Park
West End Park
Lions Park
North Side Park

Butler City Parks
Maxton Community Park
Hathaway Memorial Park
Mason Playground Park
Walnut Street Park
Susie Community Park

During the winter, boys enjoyed the winter points contest, and in the spring the Y's annual Father and Son Banquet featured humorist and musician Grady Nutt.

Although the YMCA Canteen closed its doors in the spring, a new program, the Summer Fun Club, met with interest and enthusiasm. Over 180 children attended the six week program, which was designed as a building centered day camp.

A project termed "Youth-in-Action" was designed to clean and paint the Y building. Eight teenagers were employed for eight weeks on the program. Todd reported much good came from the work experience.

Other activities included church league softball teams; beginning a fitness program for men and women, competitive volleyball and the progressive swimming program.

Over 50 boys, coached by Y Men's Club members, played flag football in the Y league last fall.

Todd said the Junior Leaders' Club, a volunteer leader corps, developed into valuable assistants for physical education instructors at the Y.

Improvements in Y facilities during the year included installation of a water heater and lights in the swimming pool.

Todd predicted the Auburn YMCA will continue to grow with the continued support and acceptance from the community.

City parks in Auburn, Garrett and Butler offered summer recreation programs much like other years. Jo Donaldson was in charge of recreation in Auburn parks. Richard Capin was in charge of parks in Garrett. In Butler Kathie Swaim conducted the summer program.

Auburn YMCA

a look at Agriculture

By DOUG TONEY
Star Staff Writer

1973 will go down in the books as one of the best growing seasons in decades. Farmers in DeKalb County experienced a beautiful, long, dry harvest and received the best prices in the history of American agriculture.

Corn in 1971 went for a dollar a bushel. In 1973, the price increased 250 per cent. In December, the average price for a bushel of corn was $2.50.

Soybeans have jumped from $2.99 a bushel in 1971, to an average of $5.41. Wheat has more than tripled in three years. During the month of December, the Farm Bureau Co-op terminal near Waterloo paid $5.75 a bushel on the average.

The price for beef and pork reached record highs during the year, making it almost worth a farmer's labor. The problem came in overhead.

The price for feed increased in some places more than 20 or 30 dollars in just a couple of weeks during late summer and early fall.

Reason for the radical jumps in prices have many explanations. Inflation, a shaky stock market, and major policy changes in agriculture instigated, all kept the farmers guessing by Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz. Besides political influences, there were the influences of nature. Last year's feed grains suffered from a wet harvest. Natural deterioration from moisture ruined and spoiled many thousands of bushels of corn and beans across the state.

But the weather in 1973 held good. Carl Feller, general manager of the Farm Bureau Co-op terminal estimated almost the entire crops out in the county were out of the fields by November 30th.

January and February of the year brought DeKalb County cold weather, especially in middle February when a cold spell froze the soil enough for some farmers to harvest 1972's crops that stayed in the field because of the wet autumn in 1972.

A warm and wet March gave a healthy start to winter wheat, but kept the spring plowing to a minimum. April brought more rain with some parts of the state recording 25 days during the month with measurable precipitation.

The sun broke through to stay for the summer in May, allowing spring work to get into full swing before showers hit during the first week of June. But the sun found its way to DeKalb County, helping the farmers play "catch-up" on their spring planting.

July brought excellent weather, warm nights and hot sunny days. The hay and wheat harvest was blessed with ideal conditions as the temperatures cooled off in late July, making baling hay and straw a little more bearable.

The corn and beans appeared a healthy, dark green with

maturity helped along by a dry September. September averaged 2-3 degrees above normal and experienced a one to two inch deficit in rain.

October began with a disappointment, as the entire state received one to two inches of rain the first ten days of the month. The soil dried quickly and harvest got into full swing. The grind of combines and pickers rang out throughout the night as excellent weather kept the farmers working long productive hours.

Farming, a big business in the state and in the county, experienced a fine year. But the high prices and the ever growing overhead lurks ahead as a serious problem in the future. Farming has become an institution of business. The average estimated worth of an acre of farmland is $331, according to figures compiled by Jack Stark, County Extension Agent.

190,065 acres of DeKalb's total of 234,048 are farms, divided up between 1313 farms. The county extension figures show the average worth of a farm in DeKalb at $47,942, demonstrating its vital foundation in the county's economy.

The figures are high, and the investment needed for farming evident. But what does the future hold for farmers? The trend in farming in DeKalb County is not to the youth. In-town jobs, the high cost of land, and high interest rates have all helped to make farming a hard business to enter. Of the 1,064 recorded farmers in the county, only 22 are under the age of 25, with less than 200 listed under the age of 35.

Farming is a craft and the farmers of DeKalb County are journeymen in their fields. But every worker of the soil is dependent on the markets, the prices, the economy, and the weather. The future may bring both promise and apprehension. The prices look good, but the energy crisis and chemical and fuel shortages could seriously cripple agriculture.

Fertilizer is in short supply, with many companies unsure of supplies and delivery. Urea, which cost $80 a ton in the spring of 1973 is now selling close to $240 for the same amount.

Consequently, the new year brings much apprehension for the DeKalb County farmer, and only time will tell what kind of year lies ahead.

DeKalb County Farms

Total number of farms	1,313
Average size	145 acres
Average income per farm	$7,916 annually

Crops

Crop	Acres
Corn	43,400
Beans	42,100
Wheat	13,900
Alfalfa	11,329
Oats	7,474
Vegetables	158
Potatoes	154

Farmer's Age

25 years old or less	22
25-34	174
35-44	288
45-54	265
55-64	265
over 65	50

DeKalb County Extension Service
September, 1972

a look at

Health care

By ADELE LASH
Star Staff Writer

DeKalb Memorial Hospital took a major step in 1973 to prepare for future health care. In July, the Health Care Division of Fanning and Howey Architects and Engineers launched a community health needs survey in order to help the hospital to develop a health care plan.

Operating on the hospital's first objective of providing good patient care, the firm analyzed current care patterns, hospital policy, community development, the area's related facilities and financial considerations.

The firm then projected possible alternatives for the future. Phase I and II of the study have been completed. Phase III, which includes building inspection, is underway now.

The survey relates DeKalb County should remain active in planning for health care needs, and if it does so, will not experience a health care crisis.

Recommended also is the development of a clinic-type practice facility next to DeKalb Memorial Hospital. With a 17-member medical staff at the hospital, this recommendation is seen as a way to attract more doctors to the area.

Another projection the study lists is to expand DeKalb Memorial's outpatient, home care, discharge planning and other services where needed.

The study encourages a county visiting public health nurse, expanded mental retardation programs and development of the proposed Kendallville mental health center.

Also listed among the 19 suggestions is consideration of demand for a retirement facility in DeKalb County.

The study represents possible improvements for the future, but during 1973 there were other improvements made. The hospital instituted a retirement program for employes, which provides as much as 50 per cent of the employes wage in retirement benefits.

For patient comfort and care several major pieces of equipment were added.

The hospital purchased a new anesthetic machine for surgery, a new X-ray film developer, a new air conditioning system and a new ice machine.

A portable compact heart monitor was donated to the hospital by the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

The hospital installed closures on smoke barrier doors in patient areas, the kitchen, laundry and boiler room for added fire protection.

The Hospital Guild provided new chairs for patient rooms and Tri Kappa Sorority purchased new patio furniture for the hospital.

In June Mrs. Marilyn Overcash took over as Director of Nurses at DeKalb Memorial. Mrs. Overcash replaced Mrs. Ethel Klopfenstein, who vacated the post to assume a similar position at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

In November the hospital was faced with a nurse shortage. The hospital staff made up for the shortage of three registered nurses by working more hours. Currently, according to Administrator L.C. Baker, the shortage is improving. "We still have a couple openings where we could use people," he said.

Richard Hollis, Garrett Community Hospital Administrator, reported Garrett's hospital was down slightly in 1973 in the number of patients cared for since the hospital lost two fulltime doctors during the year. "We were fortunate that we had no nurse shortage," Hollis said.

The number of persons admitted to the hospital in 1973 was 885. Operations numbered 175 with total days of patient care numbering 7,837 days.

There were 994 emergency room visits during the year. Average length of stay was 8.8 days.

Services offered at the facility which opened in May 1972 include inpatient, intensive and coronary care, EKG, radiology, laboratory, emergency, outpatient, minor surgery, inhalation therapy, pharmacy and physical therapy.

A new health care facility opened in Garrett Oct. 19. The Garrett Clinic, located next to Garrett Community Hospital, is operated by Dr. Bryce Treadwell and Dr. Stanley Greenburg.

Each doctor treats an estimated 25 patients a day during the five day week the clinic is open.

The clinic has a staff which includes two clerks, two receptionists and two fulltime registered nurses, one nurse's aide, two part-time registered nurses, and an X-ray technician.

Full lab and X-ray facilities are included in the clinic.

Another health survey issued during 1973 was one made by Park Row News Service using government census figures. According to the survey in DeKalb County one person is employed locally in the health field for every 82 residents.

The number of men and women employed in the health field is 374, including 58 designated as "physicians, dentists and related practitioners;" 104 "health workers," that is, dietitians, registered nurses, therapists, hygienists and technicians; and 212 "health service workers."

Elsewhere in the United States there is one person employed in the health field for every 69 persons. In Indiana there is one for every 75 persons.

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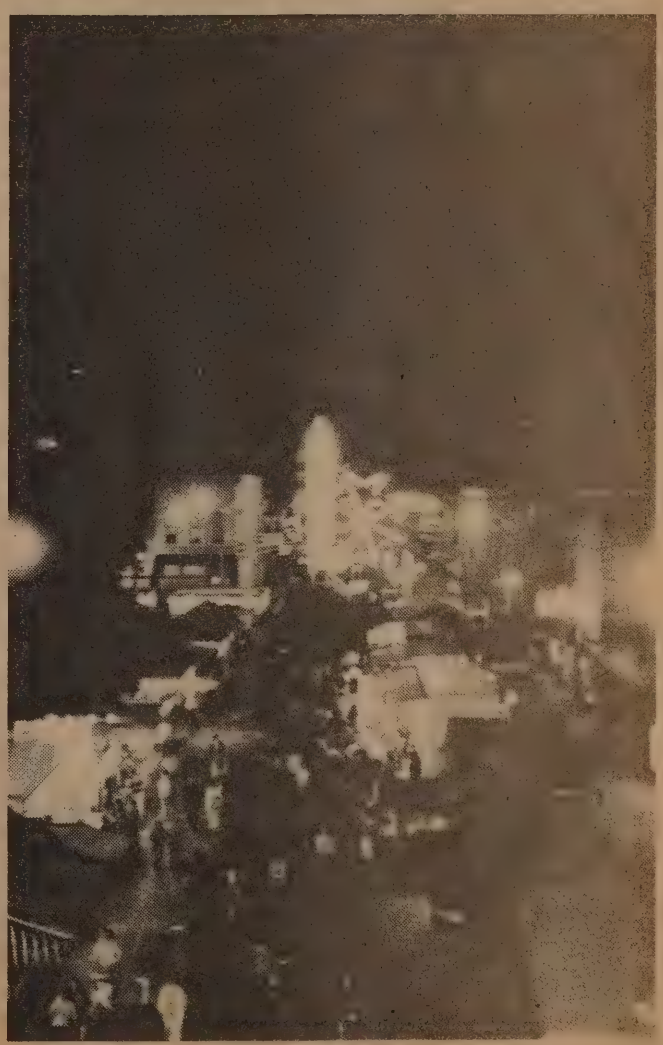

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